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By Alumni...

for Alumni-to-be...

A "CAREER-IN"

An Alumni first for the future!

A "Career-Information Evening", sponsored by the Alumni Executive, will be held early next November. Interested undergrads will be invited to gain some very practical information about career opportunities and requirements in several fields from on-the-job alumni. These speakers will be presently working in Social Work, Chartered Accountancy, Law and Business, ably qualified to outline academic and personal requirements, opportunities available and, hopefully, satisfactions of various kinds to be gained in their chosen professions.

Why such a "happening" for St. Mike's? Plans for it evolved from an Executive brainstorming session which revealed a nagging concern over the absence of a genuine dialogue between two of the major bodies that make up our College-- undergrads and alumni. We can all think of plausible reasons why and how this "great divide" does exist; the Executive well knows its chief effect -- a disappointing disinterest in College affairs and fortunes manifested by alumni for about the first five years after graduation. Thus is lost to the Alumni Association the vigorous support of our youngest and freshest members with their essential revitalizing influence on our activities.

So, realizing that an effective rapport is often best established by an exchange of helpful information, your Executive initiates this "Career-In". Practical facts will be given to the students; an updated impression of the interests, needs, goals and talents of our articulate youth will undoubtedly be gained by participating alumni. While primarily being offered to SMC undergrads as tangible evidence of our interest in their futures, this evening is expected to promote between the two groups a fruitful dialogue which in turn should strengthen the future of the Alumni Association and hence ultimately the College itself.

A. B.

What's New in the French Department?



by
**Father
Richard
Donovan**

**Head of the
Department**

In the last issue of the Newsletter, Prof. Richard Schoeck, the Head of the English Department and St. Michael's latest addition to the Royal Society of Canada, brought you up to date on some of the many changes and developments that have taken place in his bustling Department during the past five or six years. It took him three pages to list a few of them. (He mentioned in passing that one of his new teammates plays "a mean guitar"; in his modesty he forgot to mention his own prowess as a skier, though it is true that one of his adventures on the slopes led to the use of crutches for a week or so this year.)

The French Department has its new look also. It would have to in this day of B and B and aggiornamento. What are some of the changes you might notice, if you came back for a visit after having been away, let us say, since 1960?

In the classroom you would find a much greater stress on oral and written French. All Honour-Course classes, including literature courses, are given in French, as are all the classes of the General Course, with the exception of two groups out of ten in First Year which are for students who do not intend to continue in French. Honour Course students are required to pass an oral French examination in order to graduate.

You would find a new Language Lab in the "Maison Française" with 16 student positions. The Lab is now working very well,

though at first, as we mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we had a great deal of difficulty eliminating interference from no less than four different sources: TV, AM and FM radio, and a faulty hydro transformer on St. Joseph Street. The first few days, instead of getting a French grammar lesson or a scene from a French play, we were apt to get the Beatles or Dr. Kildare. It was amusing but expensive. The Lab is proving a noticeable help to the students in their efforts to improve their oral French. Unfortunately it is already too small, and we need to expand to a new Lab that will accommodate 35 to 40 students. This, of course, will mean considerable additional expense, and we are hoping (may we dare) that some funds for this purpose will be made available through gifts to the Varsity Fund. Our Canadian political leaders, not to mention our College administrators, would bless such assistance. Adequately to staff the Lab, our Department also needs to hire a technician, two or three additional French-speaking staff to monitor student work in the Lab (correct pronunciation etc.) and 5 or 6 student assistants to help with tapes, catalogues and student records.

Pour ça, mon ami, il faut des sous.

I mentioned "La Maison Française" as the location of the present Lab. The house in question is the old infirmary, No. 3 Elm-sley Place. It derives its name from the fact that the staff of the French Department now have their offices here, and French is spoken as much as possible in the house. An "Open House" was held for the students this year under the auspices of the "Cercle Français", and it was a great success, especially for the staff, I must admit, because after the students had finished their *café* and *gâteaux* and had gone home, about eleven o'clock, to study, French cheeses and wines and liqueurs suddenly made their appearance. By some kind of coincidence, the staff members were still all present.

New types of French courses have been introduced. There is now a French Language and Literature Course comparable to English Language and Literature. Intra-College options will soon be offered, permitting students of one College to take courses at another. One of the biggest changes already in effect is in the examination system within the Honour Course. In each year only two examinations, one in literature and one in language, are university examinations written by all the students, and the other courses are "College courses", that is, they are organized and examined by the College teacher who gives the course. This system gives much more freedom to each professor to select what he considers an ideal program, and to teach the course the way he wants. The teacher merely has to obtain the University Department's approval for the program, and the way it is taught. The Stylistics program, which has recently been introduced, is a good example of the advantages of such a system. The method of handling the Course can now vary from one College to another. Since Stylistics experts often have difficulty agreeing on the very meaning of the word "stylistics", much embarrassment is spared both teachers and students at examination time. Many options have also been introduced in the Honour Courses in Third and Fourth Years. In the General Course, French Major, more stress is now being placed on oral, phonetics, and free composition, and this holds true to some extent for the General Course itself.

Naturally a major change has taken place in recent years in the number of students taking French and in the size of the French staff. Back in the forties when I took Honour French there were about 8 students in the class. Last year in First Year Honour French there were 93 at SMC, and in the General Course, about 200. To keep the size of the classes relatively small (in the literature courses we aim at 20 - 25, in composition courses 10 - 20, for oral a maximum of 7 - 8), we have greatly in-

creased the number of teachers. 10 years ago the Department consisted of 7 full-time members; now it numbers 16, plus 7 teaching fellows, 4 oral teachers, 4 lab assistants and the lab technician mentioned above. More and more of the teachers are native French speakers: Prof. Saint-Jacques comes from Quebec City (doctorate from Strasbourg), Mme Thépot from France (doctorate from Paris) M. and Mme Lafaury from France. Next year Prof. Paulette Collet will be coming from Belgium and Father Joseph Sablé from the Institut Catholique in Paris (where he is head of the Department of French); Profs. Holmes and O'Neill, despite their names, are perfectly bilingual Canadians, as is Mme Murphy, one of our oral teachers, who is French by birth. Four of our teaching fellows next year will also be from France or Belgium.

If you have been listening to radio station CJBC recently, you have probably heard the voices of some of our teachers. On numerous occasions Professor Catherine Holmes has taken part in discussions on the program *D'une fenêtre* (Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.), commenting on such outstanding recent French Canadian literary works as *Une saison dans la vie d'Emmanuel* by Marie-Claire Blais, Réjean Ducharme's *L'Avalée des Avalés* and Vigneault's poetry. Prof. Saint-Jacques has also given several commentaries, as have Mr. Norman Mailhot and M. Philippe Lafaury. The latter is now preparing a series for the new program *A toutes voiles*.

The staff have been busy with their pens as well. You will soon see in print a book by Sister Olga on Racine, a study by Fr. O'Gorman on Diderot, and one by Saint-Jacques on the 20th century dramatist, Antonin Artaud. Prof. Holmes' book on literature and law in the 17th century has just appeared.

As you know, the past year or so there has been much discussion about students having

What's New? (cont'd.)

a more active voice in university government, particularly in determining course curricula. With this in mind, the St. Michael's French Department set up during the past year two student-faculty committees, one for the Honour Course and one for the General, to discuss any suggestions students might have about their French courses. These committees were established in January, and the members were so enthusiastic about this project (particularly the student members, of course) that the committees met once every two weeks for the rest of the academic year. Quite a few helpful suggestions resulted. For example, to give the students more frequent opportunities to improve their conversational French, it was decided that once a week in the coming year, for an hour or so in the afternoon, there would be an informal get-together of students and teachers (a "scramble" as they are called at St. Mike's, only these will be "French scrambles"), where the conversation, spirited with coffee and cake and plain love of the language, would be in French. If any alumni care to drop in, you will be most welcome.

To improve their French, many more Honour Course students have recently been taking advantage of the Third Year Abroad Program. This past year no less than 12 St. Michael's students took their Third Year in Europe, at universities such as Strasbourg, Paris, Aix-en-Provence, Toulouse and Grenoble. Next year 10 more will be going abroad. Almost all those who have participated in this program have returned most enthusiastic about it. Several years ago Cissy Moore was exceptionally enthusiastic. In fact she eventually married a young man she met in Grenoble (Jean Luyat), and is now living there. She tells me her oral French has greatly improved.

More news later. In the meanwhile, we would be very happy to hear from former French students, and to pass on news to other alumni through the Newsletter.

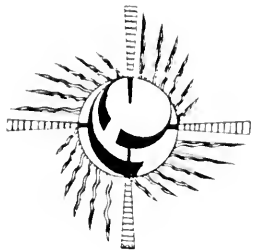
The Committee of One Thousand

First hand information on the importance of projects sponsored by the Varsity Fund was given to the founding members of the Committee of One Thousand at a recent reception and dinner at Hart House. This Committee is composed of those who give \$100 or more to the Varsity Fund.

After a general explanation by President Claude Bissell of the importance of Alumni giving in the context of "formula financing" by the government, two professors closely involved with projects sponsored by the Varsity Fund spoke of the importance of the Fund to their particular endeavours. Prof. David Hayne outlined the program for students at the University's Study Centre at Strasbourg, and Prof. John Crispo explained the activities of the Centre for Industrial Relations.

St. Michael's too has projects of her own to benefit from such participation. In his article on the French Department, Father Richard Donovan remarks that facilities in the Language Lab are already proving inadequate to meet the increasing demands of a student body which is growing not only in numbers, but also in interest in taking maximum advantage of educational opportunities. The new Library will have shelf-space for over 125,000 additional books. Anyone who has seen the line-ups, disappointments and delays at the Reserve Desk will realize that some of this need is immediate. Such expansions will not be possible without support from our graduates. Members of the Committee of One Thousand have a leading role to play here.

In the 1966 Varsity Fund Campaign, 680 donations of \$100 or more were received from U of T Alumni, compared with 333 in 1965. A number of St. Michael's Alumni are already part of the Committee of One Thousand; hopefully many more will soon become members. As with all gifts from St. Michael's alumni to the Varsity Fund, these monies do come to the College. **B.B.**



Adult Education Program in Theology

Winter 1967-8

At the close of Vatican II the council fathers established three Secretariats to continue the work begun by the council in certain highly significant areas. In general these Secretariats deal with matters which are not strictly internal: the Catholic Church's relationship to

- a) other believing Christians
- b) other believing non-Christians
- c) unbelievers

Taking its themes from these Secretariats, the Fall Adult Education Program in Theology will focus its attention on **THE PROBLEMATIC OF GOD**. In general, each of the three Monday evening courses offered will relate to one of the Secretariats mentioned. Presenting the courses are three men who are certainly well known to our own program and in the scriptural and theological circles of our day.



FATHER ARTHUR GIBSON will offer a Full Course on the very much alive issue of

CONTEMPORARY ATHEISM

Monday evenings, 8:00 - 9:50

January 15 - March 4, 1968

16 sessions - fee: \$ 30.00



FATHER GREGORY BAUM will present a Half Course on **THE PROBLEMATIC OF GOD AND CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Monday evenings, 8:00 - 8:50

October 23 - December 11, 1967

8 sessions

Fee: \$ 15.00



FATHER J. EDGAR BRUNS in a Half Course will discuss

THE PROBLEMATIC OF GOD IN VARIOUS NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

Monday evenings, 9:00 - 9:50

October 23 - December 11, 1967

8 sessions - fee: \$ 15.00

The two Half Courses will be given first in the program since they are intended to provide a context and background for the discussions on Contemporary Atheism. A brochure with more detailed information will be sent to you in late August.

The Board of Directors invites all alumni to

CELEBRATE

The opening of the New Student Centre

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

and join the faculty and

SPECIAL

Years of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962
in the

CENTENNIAL YEAR

"ONCE - IN - A - LIFETIME"

HOMECOMING..1967



SATURDAY

October 28, 1967

8:00 p.m. in the
New Student Centre

Dancing Refreshments
Games Prizes

For all alumni

\$2.50 per person



SUNDAY

October 29, 1967

MASS for all alumni
10:30 a.m.

St. Michael's College

Luncheon for special years
1947, 1952, 1957, 1962
and wives and husbands

\$ 3.00 per person

YEAR REPRESENTATIVES

1947: Patricia Dewan Wilson

Jim Doran

1952: Mary Dunn McTeague

Joseph Davin

1957: Belinda Burry Morin

Brian Anderson

1962: Hilary Carr Day

George D. Smith

WHITSUNTIDINGS

The annual Whitsuntide Conferences are acquiring a reputation for a high degree of interest and success. The 1967 gathering on Saturday, June 3, at Carr Hall was no exception. More than 100 alumnae were present to hear Father Andrew Greeley, the bright, young priest-sociologist from Chicago, make a penetrating and often witty analysis of modern Western civilization and the changing Church, in his lecture **THE MOBILE COMMUNITY**.

Modern society, said Father Greeley, is characterized by spatial and social mobility. With current ease of travel and communication, a change of home environment is easy for man to make. No one today is frozen in a particular social class. This is evidenced in a basic change of style in human life in the last 150 years. Then, peasant life, of the farm community, was the basis of society. In North America today, most people live in cities and the basis of modern society has evolved from manufacturing to the service professions. Where previously the world was stable, and there was not much change from one generation to another, change is a built-in condition of modern society. And the pace will accelerate. Modern man can no longer expect social support from his world. Identity problems are modern. 150 years ago, society made the choices for people. Today, although we can choose what we are going to be, we have no norms for choosing and freedom becomes a burden.

In an immobile society, Father said, there was little or no competition, since a person was what his birth determined. Today, competition has become the dominant force in society, resulting in amusing but frightening stories of children who fail admission tests for nursery schools.

From the narrow, closely integrated world of our grandparents, has developed our world which is the whole earth. This widened perspective has had its effect on the

human personality. Life has become formalized and impersonal, and we have the anonymous, lonely person who is merely a cog in the industrial urban machine. The price we have paid is high, for we have not learned to cope with this confusing world. Even in marriage, personal relationships are superficial, for the family is divided in the different occupations of each member.

Father Greeley was not totally pessimistic. He considered the family as the strongest example of what sociologists call a "primary group", a group where people are very close to each other. In modern society man is not really willing to give up close personal relationships. He wants the tension of the city as well as the life of the village. Sociologists have found that primary groups do exist, though in different forms. Modern armies are held together by loyalty to an individual officer, not by patriotism. Primary groups are formed in factories and offices. Our big cities are not as disorganized as they seem. They are really made up of a number of urban villages. The primary group is a persistent human phenomenon, for man still hungers for stability in human relationships. But we must learn to cope with our technology or society will become increasingly inhuman.

Father Greeley outlined these changes in the Church: from feudalism to professionalism and from paternalism to collegiality. Because the Church took over the social structure of the world in which it lived, then loyalty to and fear of one man who had the power was characteristic.

Today we have professionalism in society, an increasing group of well-educated and highly motivated people, motivated not by fear or loyalty but by the internalized standards of what they do. This is emerging in the Church, largely as a result of the Vatican Council, and is a complete change from 500 years ago.

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SPRING AGAIN ~



Are Bill Donohue and Leo Knowlton talking of the special Saturday and Sunday events organized by and for the class of 1927?



June 2, 1967. The Golden, Silver and Ruby T Classes re-unite.

Ab Brown, Fr. Louis Bondy, Dr. Aloysius Traynor & Msgr. Joseph McDonagh, of 1917.



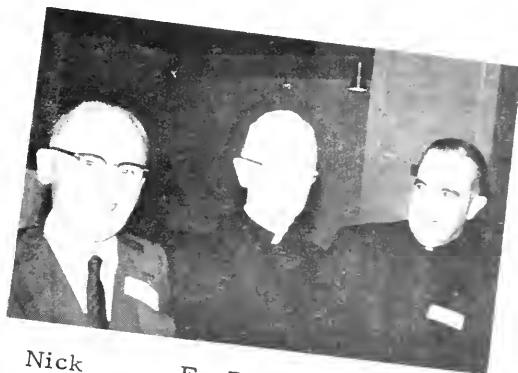
Old friends get together. From 1942, Franks Senftle, of Washington D. C., catches up on the news with John Nelligan of Ottawa.

GRADUATION



We add some 350 new alumni! Dr. Lynch with some of his student-graduates. Sr. Waltera, IBVM, Krysia Jarmicki Read, Catherine Comper and Anne Mason.

The procession forms in the quadrangle for the Baccalaureate Mass.



Nick Scandiffio Fr. Basil Sullivan Msgr. J. G. Hanley



WHITSUNTIDINGS (Cont'd.)

Father Greeley sees paternalism as the greatest weakness in the Church today, because it does not bring the maximum amount of ability to bear on a given situation. Paternalism may have worked in a small simple society, but it is inefficient in today's large, complex world.

Because the Church is moving in the direction of professionalism and collegiality does not mean that the Church has no authority. Authority is meaningless if consent is not obtained. The man who governs through collegiality has far more authority.

Father Greeley sees the Church as evolving from a Church on the defensive to the open Church in an ecumenical age, engaged in dialogue. The result is an ambiguous and chaotic situation which is a crisis of growth, not decline. Because the Church, too, wants the best of the past, characterized in the spirit of the small parish, as well as the present, the price must be paid. She will have to shed many practices and seek new patterns of relationships. There are new communities already emerging, as in various Catholic Action groups, that provide deeper relationships than the old-style parish. The present generation is not interested in the parish of the forties and the fifties. They want deep and meaningful relationships. Their religious needs are only going to be met by small, intimate communities.

Father Greeley warned of the hazards of small communities. They can become narcissistic. Further, strong psychological forces are released that can turn to trouble. A new tyranny can develop when the temptation is indulged to force people to be good. Father quoted St. Thomas Aquinas in saying that only when people are free can they be virtuous. The new leaders will have to be concerned about the freedom of the members.

A mobile Church is necessary if the Church is to be effective in the modern world. It will be less painful to join in than to resist. The Vatican Council provides us with the theoretical guidelines.

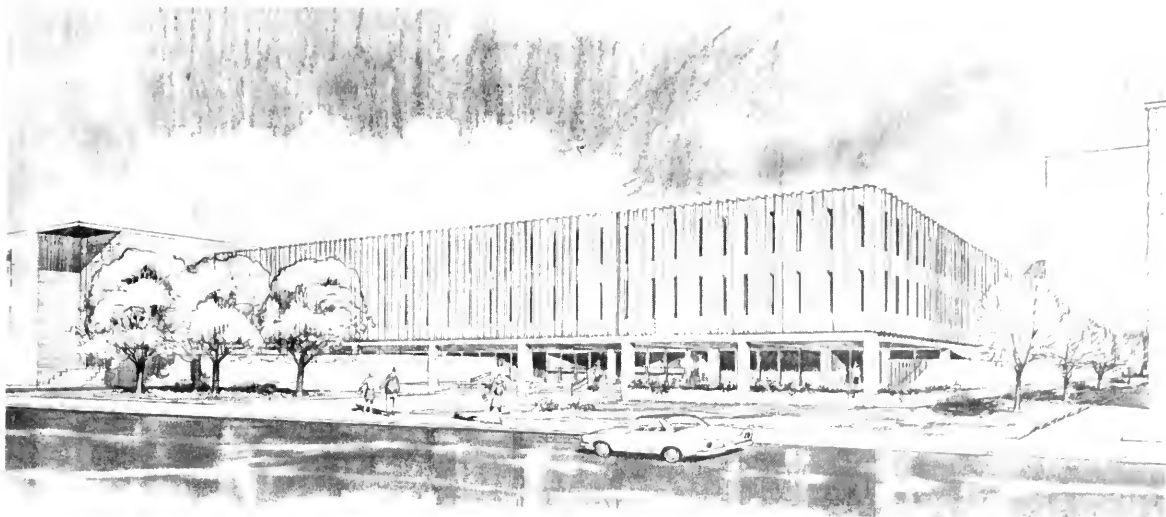
Father Greeley said that while the Church is a late starter in the modern world, it may have to take the lead. Personalist values are losing ground and, because the Church was built on the community of God with man, it understands better than any other institution the dignity of man. If the Church does not recapture the lead, then the world will become no better than a slave labour camp, run by a few men and a few machines.



A very pleasant interlude on the program was a delightful dialogue, moderated by Mary Walpole, between Mother Margarita of Loretto and Sister St. John of St. Joseph's, the two original Deans of the women's colleges. They reminded us of the many early difficulties experienced by the women in gaining the right to university education for Catholic women in Toronto. Since St. Michael's was a college for training men principally for the priesthood, the women were not welcomed. It was common for Father Carr to warn the girls that the boys who took them out would not marry them. It was not until 1940 that lectures were taken with the men, and it was only in 1951 that the College became completely co-educational. These facts are likely surprising to some of our recent graduates who are not familiar with these divisions. Bernadette Doyle, Women's Vice-President of 1966-67, told us of some of the student projects of today, and we realized how much the atmosphere has changed.

There was Mass at St. Joseph's, celebrated by Father L. Etzweiler, assisted by Father Stephen Somerville, and the happy mood of reminiscence continued in the renewal of friendships at the luncheon at St. Joseph's.

A.A.



University of St. Michael's College Library

John J. Farrugia, Architect

Preliminary planning for the new Library is nearing completion. Its site, the former Monastery of the Precious Blood, is now cleared. The Sisters will have a beautiful new home with more spacious grounds and healthful surroundings near Sacred Heart Children's Village.

Ground will be broken for the Library possibly in late October. It will start with four levels, the lower two containing 24,500 sq. ft. each, and the upper two, 11,000 sq. ft. This provides a building, square in plan, 160 ft. along each side, with a twenty-foot setback from St. Joseph Street and the surrounding laneways. It will provide accommodation for the three libraries on St. Michael's Campus for the next 15 years, with 900 seats and space for 250,000 volumes. Future expansion will be provided by completing the upper levels to full size and adding more floors.

The architect, John Farrugia, comes to us with experience gained with Gordon S. Adamson and Associates when they developed the Victoria, York, and Brock University Libraries. H. H. Angus Ltd., the consulting engineers of the tremendous University of Toronto graduate library,

will be the mechanical and electrical engineers. Structural engineering will be in the hands of Margison and Keith, one example of whose work is the striking Yonge Arcade Office Building.

Joseph Thomas Muckle, C.S.B

1887-1967

Father Joseph Muckle died on May 9, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at the age of 80. Alumni will remember him as one of the founding professors of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. A classical scholar and Latin paleographer, he was professor of Mediaeval Latin Literature both here and at the University of Toronto. He was the first Basilian to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was awarded honorary doctorates from Assumption University of Windsor and the University of Western Ontario. He observed his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood in 1965, at Stanley, N. Y. A broken hip prevented his holding a public celebration.

R. I. P.

Congress of Theology

The chairman of the International and Centennial Congress on the Theology of the Renewal of the Church has announced that although regular membership in the Congress has been over-subscribed, the general public will be provided with facilities to follow our major stream of conferences and discussions by closed circuit television.

Twelve Congress sessions -- morning, afternoon and evening, from Sunday evening August 20 to Thursday evening August 24 -- will be shown live on closed circuit facilities at St. Michael's College School auditorium and arena, Bathurst & St. Clair.

The following Congress speakers will be available by this service: Cardinals Leger, Suenens and Koenig, Archbishop Hakim, Garrone, Yves Congar, Charles Moeller, Edward Schillebeeckx, Jaroslav Pelikan, M. D. Chenu, Bernard Häring and Karl Rahner.

Screens and audio will be set up in the auditorium and rink. Only English will be heard in the case of speakers using a language other than English. The voice of a professional translator will be synchronized with the pictures of the speakers. Tickets at \$1.00 per Group are available for Proceedings as follows:

Group A: Aug. 20, evening, Aug. 23 a.m. & p.m.

Group B: Aug. 21, a.m., p.m. & evening

Group C: Aug. 22, " " "

Group D: Aug. 24, " " "

For a brochure write: Closed Circuit TV, Theological Congress, 59 Queen's Park E., Toronto 5, Ontario.

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Our thanks to Fr. Hugh Mallon for the "Spring" photographs. Photo of Fr. A, Gibson courtesy the Globe & Mail.

Rather than organize a special Homecoming Committee this year, it has been decided to put the running of the 1967 Weekend in charge of the Board of Directors as a whole.

Now that the College has a flourishing evening Adult Education Program in Theology, we would like to encourage alumni to attend these Courses. Accordingly, there is no separate Alumni Lecture Series being planned for this Fall. If enough alumni would like to take part in home discussion groups in conjunction with the College's program (see page 5) this can be arranged. If you would be interested, please let us know. (921-3151, local 218)

Some 1500 people who turned out to hear Barbara Ward's Centennial Lecture on May 26 in Convocation Hall were startled by an opening announcement that 2 policemen and 3 maintenance men were busily chasing a dog which had somehow got loose in the building. A few nights later, during the Reunion Cocktail Party on June 2, a large police dog wandered in to the festivities through the open French doors of Elmsley Lounge.

Gerry MOSS Lysaght '42, catching up on news at the party, learned from Peggy BROWNE Skay, now of Wayne, N.J., that her husband Carl's engineering construction job has taken them to many fascinating spots around the world.

Karl FEIL '65, who joined Texaco after graduation, is now Director of Training for West Africa and living in Dakar. Fr. Donovan will be please to hear of another graduate whose oral French is now fluent!

Three Woodrow Wilson fellowships were awarded to St. Michael's students this year: Robert J. Barringer, CSB, James W. King of Springfield, Mass., and Karal Ann Marling of Rochester, N. Y.

